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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixty-fifth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 22 March to 9 April 1999. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 March 1999 at 10.30 a.m. There will be no meetings on Monday, 29 March (Êid Al-Adha) or on Friday, 2 April (Good Friday).

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the sixty-fifth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 8 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-fifth session.

5. At its sixty-fourth session, the Committee decided that a working group, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its sixty-fifth session. The working group is scheduled to meet at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 19 March 1999. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 15 March at 10.30 a.m.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant.

3. Election of the Chairperson and other officers of the Committee.

4. Adoption of the agenda.

5. Organizational and other matters.

6. Action by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session:

   (a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant;

   (b) Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments.

7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

8. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

9. General comments of the Committee.

10. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

11. Substantive issues:

   (a) Minimum standards of humanity;

   (b) Reservations to human rights treaties.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session by the Representative of the Secretary-General

The Representative of the Secretary-General will open the sixty-fifth session of the Committee and will preside over the meeting until the election of the Chairperson of the Committee.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant

In accordance with article 38 of the Covenant and rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the nine members of the Committee elected or re-elected at the Eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant on 10 September 1998 will make the following solemn declaration:

> "I solemnly undertake to discharge my duties as a member of the Human Rights Committee impartially and conscientiously."

3. Election of the Chairperson and other officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 39, paragraph 1, of the Covenant and rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

Under rule 58 of the rules of procedure, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

5. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its sixty-fourth session that the pre-sessional working group would deal not only with communications under the Optional Protocol, but would also address issues under article 40 of the Covenant and prepare concise lists of issues concerning reports scheduled for consideration at the sixty-fifth session. The Committee will continue its discussion of methods of work with a view to adopting new guidelines on the examination of State party reports, consider ways of overcoming the backlog of State party reports and of communications awaiting examination, further consider the mainstreaming of gender issues, and explore ways of obtaining strengthened Secretariat support, including through the adoption of a plan of action.

6. Action by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session:

(a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 45/175 of 18 December 1990, substantive resolutions on treaty-based bodies are adopted biennially ("odd years"). Consequently, the adoption by the Assembly of a substantive resolution on the work of the Committee is reserved until its fifty-fourth session in 1999.

(b) Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments

A note indicating matters raised in the course of the discussion of the effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments by the Third Committee together with the relevant General Assembly resolution will be circulated to members of the Committee.

7. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-fifth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 8 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Initial reports

State party	Symbol	Date due	Date received
Bosnia and Herzegovina	CCPR/C/81/Add.11	1996	11 March 1997
Kyrgyzstan	CCPR/C/113/Add.1	1996	5 May 1998
Kuwait	CCPR/C/120/Add.1	1997	18 May 1998

Second periodic reports

Afghanistan	CCPR/C/57/Add.5	1989	25 October 1991
Congo	CCPR/C/63/Add.5	1990	9 July 1996
Republic of Korea	CCPR/C/114/Add.1	1996	2 October 1997
Ireland	CCPR/C/IRL/98/2	1996	29 September 1998
Gabon	CCPR/C/128/Add.1	1998	6 February 1998
Switzerland	CCPR/C/CH/98/2	1998	29 September 1998

Third periodic reports

Australia	CCPR/C/AUS/98/3	1991	28 August 1998
Venezuela	CCPR/C/VEN/98/3	1993	8 July 1998
Argentina	CCPR/C/ARG/98/3	1997	20 July 1998

Fourth periodic reports

Romania	CCPR/C/95/Add.7	1994	26 April 1996
Poland	CCPR/C/95/Add.8	1994	7 May 1996
Morocco	CCPR/C/115/Add.1	1996	27 January 1997
Norway	CCPR/C/115/Add.1	1996	4 February 1997
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man)	CCPR/C/95/Add.10	1994	12 February 1997
Mexico	CCPR/C/123/Add.1	1997	30 June 1997
Mongolia	CCPR/C/103/Add.7	1995	20 April 1998
Australia	CCPR/C/AUS/98/4	1996	28 August 1998
Peru	CCPR/C/PER/98/4	1998	3 July 1998
Denmark	CCPR/C/DNK/98/4	1998	30 December 1998

In addition, the Secretariat has received the text of a submission by the Government of China on the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong, and a supplement by the Netherlands Antilles to the third and fourth periodic reports of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

B. Reports due

For the situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant reference is made to annex IV of the Committee's annual report to the General Assembly (A/53/40).

8. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-fifth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Chile CCPR/C/95/Add.11	Fourth	Wednesday	24 March
Cameroon CCPR/C/102/Add.2	Third	Thursday	25 March
Canada CCPR/C/103/Add.5	Fourth	Friday	26 March
Cambodia CCPR/C/81/Add.12	Initial	Tuesday	30 March
Lesotho CCPR/C/81/Add.14	Initial	Thursday	1 April
Costa Rica CCPR/C/103/Add.6	Fourth	Monday	5 April

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-fourth session.

9. General comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will continue consideration of the draft general comment on article 12 and consider the draft general comment on article 3.

10. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and sixty-three communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Forty-two of these communications have already been declared admissible and are pending for a decision on the merits, i.e. Views under article 5 (4) of the Optional Protocol. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in appropriate cases, the Committee's examination of the remaining 121 communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur on new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

11. Substantive issues:

(a) Minimum standards of humanity

(b) Reservations to human rights treaties

Under this item the Committee will continue its discussion of issues addressed to it by the Commission on Human Rights, including the question of fundamental standards of humanity (Commission resolution 1995/29). The Committee will also examine the text prepared by one of its members setting forth the Committee's position on the International Law Commission's Preliminary Conclusions on Reservations to Normative Multilateral Treaties.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixty-sixth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 12 to 30 July 1999. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 12 July 1999 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the sixty-sixth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-sixth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its sixty-fifth session, the Committee decided that a working group, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its sixty-sixth session. The working group is scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 5 to 9 July 1999.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. General comments of the Committee.

6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

7. Follow-up on Views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

8. Future meetings of the Committee.

9. Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its sixty-fifth session that the pre-sessional working group would deal not only with communications under the Optional Protocol, but would also address issues under article 40 of the Covenant and prepare concise lists of issues concerning reports scheduled for consideration at the sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh sessions. The Committee will consider any draft general comment that may be put before it, and continue its discussion of methods of work with a view to adopting new guidelines on the examination of State party reports, consider ways of overcoming the backlog of State party reports and of communications awaiting examination, and explore ways of obtaining strengthened secretariat support, including through the adoption of a plan of action. The Committee will also consider the recommendations of the 11th meeting of Chairpersons (31 May-4 June 1999).

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-sixth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Initial reports

State party	Symbol	Date due	Date received
Kyrgyzstan	CCPR/C/113/Add.1	1996	5 May 1998
Kuwait	CCPR/C/120/Add.1	1997	18 May 1998

Second periodic reports 1/

State party	Symbol	Date due	Date received
Guyana	CCPR/C/GUY/99/2	1987	1 February 1999
Afghanistan	CCPR/C/57/Add.5	1989	25 October 1991
Congo	CCPR/C/63/Add.5	1990	9 July 1996
Republic of Korea	CCPR/C/114/Add.1	1996	2 October 1997
Gabon	CCPR/C/128/Add.1	1996	6 February 1998
Ireland	CCPR/C/IRL/98/2	1996	29 September 1998
Switzerland	CCPR/C/CH/98/2	1998	6 February 1998

Third periodic reports

Australia	CCPR/C/AUS/98/3	1991	28 August 1998
Netherlands (Antilles)	CCPR/C/NET/99/3/Add.1	1991	10 February 1999
Venezuela	CCPR/C/VEN/98/3	1993	8 July 1998
Cameroon	CCPR/C/102/Add.2	1995	6 March 1997
Argentina	CCPR/C/ARG/98/3	1997	20 July 1998

Fourth periodic reports

Australia	CCPR/C/AUS/98/4	1996	28 August 1998
Morocco	CCPR/C/115/Add.1	1996	27 January 1997
Norway	CCPR/C/115/Add.1	1996	4 February 1997
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man)	CCPR/C/95/Add.10	1994	12 February 1997
Portugal (Macau)	CCPR/C/POR/99/4/Add.1	1996	1 March 1999
Mongolia	CCPR/C/103/Add.7	1995	20 April 1998
Peru	CCPR/C/PER/98/4	1998	3 July 1998
Yugoslavia	CCPR/C/YUG/99/4	1993	5 March 1999
Denmark	CCPR/C/DNK/98/4	1998	30 December 1998
Netherlands (Antilles)	CCPR/C/NET/99/4/Add.1	1996	10 February 1999

Fifth periodic reports

Hong Kong	CCPR/C/HK/99/1	1998	11 January 1999

1/ By decision of the Human Rights Committee the symbol of reports will henceforth be simplified to indicate the initials of the State party, the year of submission and the number of the report.

B. Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due as of 15 May 1999

INITIAL REPORTS

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Equatorial Guinea	23 December 1988	16
Somalia	22 April 1991	9
Croatia	6 October 1992	7
Grenada	4 December 1992	6
Albania	3 January 1993	8
Angola	9 April 1993	5
Benin	10 June 1993	6
Côte d'Ivoire	24 June 1993	4
Seychelles	3 August 1993	6
Czech Republic	30 December 1993	4
Republic of Moldova	24 April 1994	5
Ethiopia	9 September 1994	5
Dominica	15 September 1994	5
Mozambique	19 October 1994	4
Cape Verde	4 November 1994	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4 March 1995	-
Malawi	20 March 1995	4
Namibia	26 February 1996	2
Chad	7 September 1996	2
Uganda	19 September 1996	2
Uzbekistan	26 December 1996	-
Haiti	30 December 1996	-
Belize	8 September 1997	1
Sierra Leone	22 November 1997	-
Thailand	28 January 1998	-
Turkmenistan	31 July 1998	-
Greece	4 August 1998	-
Honduras	24 November 1998	-
Monaco	27 November 1998	-

SECOND PERIODIC REPORTS

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Syrian Arab Republic	17 August 1984	26
New Zealand (Cook Islands)	27 March 1985	-
Gambia	20 June 1985	24
Suriname	1 August 1985	23
Kenya	10 April 1986	22
Mali	10 April 1986	22
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	12 December 1987	18
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	15
Viet Nam	31 July 1991	11
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	30 October 1991	11
San Marino	16 January 1992	10
Philippines	22 January 1993	8
Equatorial Guinea	23 December 1993	6
Niger	31 March 1994	6
Somalia	22 April 1996	2
Burundi	8 August 1996	2
Malta	11 December 1996	-
Haiti	5 May 1997	1
Slovenia	22 June 1997	1
Zimbabwe	12 August 1997	1
Nepal	12 August 1997	1
Croatia	7 October 1997	1
Grenada	5 December 1997	-
Albania	3 January 1998	1
Estonia	19 January 1998	1
Angola	9 April 1998	-
Brazil	22 April 1998	-
Benin	11 June 1998	-
Côte d'Ivoire	25 June 1998	-
Latvia	13 July 1998	-
Guatemala	3 August 1998	-
Seychelles	4 August 1998	-
Cambodia	25 August 1998	-
United States of America	6 September 1998	-
Paraguay	8 September 1998	-
Azerbaijan	11 November 1998	-

THIRD PERIODIC REPORTS

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Syrian Arab Republic	17 August 1989	15
Trinidad and Tobago	19 March 1990	15
Gambia	20 June 1990	13
Suriname	2 August 1990	13
Barbados	10 April 1991	12
Kenya	10 April 1991	12
Mali	10 April 1991	12
Nicaragua	10 June 1991	11
Democratic Republic of the Congo	30 July 1991	11
Jamaica	1 August 1991	10
Portugal	31 July 1991	-
Netherlands	30 October 1991	-
Panama	31 March 1992	10
Guyana	9 April 1992	10
Rwanda	9 April 1992	4
Madagascar	30 July 1992	9
Central African Republic	7 August 1992	9
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	12 October 1992	8
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	7 February 1993	8
Viet Nam	22 December 1993	2
Guinea	30 December 1993	4
Afghanistan	22 April 1994	-
Luxembourg	16 November 1994	4
Bulgaria	30 December 1994	4
Egypt	30 December 1994	4
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	30 December 1994	4
Congo	3 January 1995	3
El Salvador	30 December 1995	2
Togo	30 December 1995	-
San Marino	17 January 1997	2
Niger	6 June 1997	1
Philippines	22 January 1998	-
Yemen	7 May 1998	-
Zambia	30 June 1998	-

FOURTH PERIODIC REPORTS

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Democratic Republic of the Congo	30 January 1993	-
Panama	5 June 1993	7
Madagascar	2 August 1993	7
Dominican Republic	3 April 1994	6
Syrian Arab Republic	17 August 1994	5
Trinidad and Tobago	19 March 1995	6
New Zealand	27 March 1995	-
Gambia	20 June 1995	3
Hungary	1 August 1995	3
Suriname	1 August 1995	3
Venezuela	1 November 1995	3
El Salvador	27 February 1996	-
Barbados	10 April 1996	-
Kenya	10 April 1996	-
Mali	10 April 1996	-
Nicaragua	10 June 1996	2
Portugal	31 July 1996	-
Sri Lanka	9 September 1996	2
Netherlands	30 October 1996	-
Jordan	21 January 1997	-
Guyana	10 April 1997	-
Rwanda	10 April 1996	-
Central African Republic	7 August 1997	-
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 October 1997	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	8 February 1998	-
Mauritius	30 June 1998	-

FIFTH PERIODIC REPORTS

Democratic Republic of the Congo	30 January 1997	-
Tunisia	3 February 1998	-
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1998	-
Lebanon	21 March 1998	-
Panama	6 June 1998	-
Yugoslavia	3 August 1998	1
Madagascar	3 August 1998	-
Russian Federation	3 November 1998	-
Iraq	4 April 1999	-
Spain	27 April 1999	-
Romania	28 April 1999	-

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-sixth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Cambodia CCPR/C/81/Add.12	Initial	Wednesday	14 July 1999
Mexico CCPR/C/123/Add.1	Fourth	Friday	16 July 1999
Poland CCPR/C/95/Add.8	Fourth	Monday	19 July 1999
Romania CCPR/C/95/Add.7	Fourth	Tuesday	20 July 1999

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-sixth session.

5. General Comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will continue consideration of the draft general comments on article 12 (freedom of movement) and article 3 (gender equality) and will consider any draft general comment that may be put before it by its pre-sessional Working Group.

6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and sixty communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Forty-one of these communications have already been declared admissible and are pending for a decision on the merits, i.e. Views under article 5 (4) of the Optional Protocol. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in appropriate cases, the Committee's examination of the remaining 119 communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur on new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

7. Follow-up on Views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Under this item, the Committee will assess the status of follow-up activities under the Optional Protocol and examine periodic reports submitted by the Special Rapporteur for the follow-up on Views.

8. Future meetings of the Committee

The Committee may wish to take decisions under this item on the schedule of its meetings to be held in 2000-2001.

9. Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol

Under article 45 of the Covenant, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. Article 6 of the Optional Protocol provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report a summary of its Activities under the Protocol.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixty-seventh session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 18 October to 5 November 1999. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 18 October 1999 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the sixty-seventh session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 6 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-seventh session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its sixty-sixth session, the Committee decided that a working group, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its sixty-seventh session. The working group is scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 11 to 15 October 1999.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session by the Chairperson.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant.

3. Adoption of the agenda.

4. Organizational and other matters.

5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

6. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

7. General comments of the Committee.

8. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

9. Follow-up on Views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session by the Chairperson

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant

In accordance with article 38 of the Covenant and rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the member of the Committee elected at the Nineteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant on 13 September 1999 will make the following solemn declaration:

"I solemnly undertake to discharge my duties as a member of the Human Rights Committee impartially and conscientiously."

3. Adoption of the agenda

Pursuant to article 8 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall adopt its agenda at the beginning of every session. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session.

4. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its sixty-sixth session that the pre-sessional working group would deal not only with communications under the Optional Protocol, but would also address issues under article 40 of the Covenant and prepare concise lists of issues concerning reports scheduled for consideration at the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions. The Committee will consider any draft general comment that may be put before it, will approve the language versions of its new guidelines on the examination of State party reports and continue its discussion on methods of work with a view to finding ways of overcoming the backlog of State party reports and of communications awaiting examination, and will explore ways of obtaining strengthened secretariat support.

5. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 6 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Initial reports

State party	Symbol	Date due	Date received
Kyrgyztan	CCPR/C/113/Add.1	1996	5 May 1998
Kuwait	CCPR/C/120/Add.1	1997	18 May 1998
Uzbekistan	CCPR/C/UZB/99/1	1996	2 July 1999

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Gabon	CCPR/C/128/Add.1	1998	6 February 1998
Ireland	CCPR/C/IRL/99/2	1996	29 September 1998
Switzerland	CCPR/C/CH/98/2	1998	6 February 1999

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Australia	CCPR/C/AUS/98/3	1991	28 August 1998
Netherlands (Antilles)	CCPR/C/NET/99/3/Add.1	1991	10 February 1999
Argentina	CCPR/C/ARG/98/3	1997	20 July 1998

Fourth periodic reports

Australia	CCPR/C/AUS/98/4	1996	28 August 1998
Denmark	CCPR/C/DNK/98/4	1998	30 December 1998
Netherlands (Antilles)	CCPR/C/NET/99/4/Add.1	1996	10 February 1999
Yugoslavia	CCPR/C/YUG/99/4	1993	5 March 1999

B. Reports due

The situation with regard to the reports of States parties due under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due as of 30 August 1999

Initial reports

State party	Date due
Equatorial Guinea	23 December 1988
Somalia	22 April 1991
Croatia	6 October 1992
Grenada	4 December 1992
Albania	3 January 1993
Angola	9 April 1993
Benin	10 June 1993
Côte d'Ivoire	24 June 1993
Seychelles	3 August 1993
Czech Republic	30 December 1993
Republic of Moldova	24 April 1994
Ethiopia	9 September 1994
Dominica	15 September 1994
Mozambique	19 October 1994
Cape Verde	4 November 1994
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4 March 1995
Malawi	20 March 1995
Namibia	26 February 1996
Chad	7 September 1996
Uganda	19 September 1996
Haiti	30 December 1996
Belize	8 September 1997
Sierra Leone	22 November 1997

State party	Date due
Thailand	28 January 1998
Turkmenistan	31 July 1998
Greece	4 August 1998
Honduras	24 November 1998
Monaco	27 November 1998

All reports

State party	Number of reports overdue	Type of report	Date due
Central African Republic	3	Second periodic	9 April 1989
		Third periodic	7 August 1992
		Fourth periodic	7 August 1997
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3	Second periodic	12 October 1987
		Third periodic	12 October 1992
		Fourth periodic	13 October 1997
Democratic Republic of the Congo	3	Third periodic	30 July 1991
		Fourth periodic	30 January 1993
		Fifth periodic	30 January 1997
Equatorial Guinea	3	Initial	23 December 1988
		Second periodic	23 December 1993
		Third periodic	24 December 1998
Gambia	3	Second periodic	20 June 1985
		Third periodic	20 June 1990
		Fourth periodic	20 June 1995
Kenya	3	Second periodic	10 April 1986
		Third periodic	10 April 1991
		Fourth periodic	10 April 1996
Madagascar	3	Third periodic	30 July 1992
		Fourth periodic	2 August 1993
		Fifth periodic	3 August 1998
Mali	3	Second periodic	10 April 1986
		Third periodic	10 April 1991
		Fourth periodic	10 April 1996
Panama	3	Third periodic	31 March 1992
		Fourth periodic	5 June 1993
		Fifth periodic	6 June 1998
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	3	Second periodic	30 October 1991
		Third periodic	7 February 1993
		Fourth periodic	8 February 1998
Suriname	3	Second periodic	1 August 1985
		Third periodic	1 August 1990
		Fourth periodic	1 August 1995
Syrian Arab Republic	3	Second periodic	17 August 1984
		Third periodic	17 August 1989
		Fourth periodic	17 August 1994
Viet Nam	3	Second periodic	30 July 1991
		Third periodic	22 December 1993
		Fourth periodic	23 December 1998

State party	Number of reports overdue	Type of report	Date due
Afghanistan	2	Third periodic	22 April 1994
		Fourth periodic	23 April 1999
Albania	2	Initial	2 January 1993
		Second periodic	3 January 1998
Angola	2	Initial	31 January 1994
		Second periodic	9 April 1998
Barbados	2	Third periodic	10 April 1991
		Fourth periodic	10 April 1996
Benin	2	Initial	10 June 1993
		Second periodic	11 June 1998
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	Initial	5 March 1993
		Second periodic	5 March 1998
Côte d'Ivoire	2	Initial	24 June 1993
		Second periodic	25 June 1998
Croatia	2	Initial	6 October 1992
		Second periodic	7 October 1997
Czech Republic	2	Initial	30 December 1993
		Second periodic	31 December 1998
Dominican Republic	2	Fourth periodic	3 April 1994
		Fifth periodic	3 April 1999
Egypt	2	Third periodic	31 December 1994
		Fourth periodic	13 April 1998
El Salvador	2	Third periodic	30 December 1995
		Fourth periodic	27 February 1996
Grenada	2	Initial	4 December 1992
		Second periodic	5 December 1997
Guyana	2	Third periodic	9 April 1992
		Fourth periodic	10 April 1997
Haiti	2	Initial	30 December 1996
		Second periodic	5 May 1997
Netherlands	2	Third periodic	30 October 1991
		Fourth periodic	30 October 1996
Nicaragua	2	Third periodic	10 June 1991
		Fourth periodic	10 June 1996
Niger	2	Second periodic	31 March 1994
		Third periodic	6 June 1997
Philippines	2	Second periodic	22 January 1993
		Third periodic	22 January 1998
Republic of Moldova	2	Initial	24 April 1994
		Second periodic	25 April 1999
Rwanda	2	Third periodic	9 April 1992
		Fourth periodic	10 April 1997
San Marino	2	Second periodic	16 January 1992
		Third periodic	17 January 1997
Seychelles	2	Initial	3 August 1993
		Second periodic	4 August 1998
Somalia	2	Initial	22 April 1991
		Second periodic	22 April 1996
Trinidad and Tobago	2	Third periodic	19 March 1990
		Fourth periodic	19 March 1995

State party	Number of reports overdue	Type of report	Date due
Azerbaijan	1	Second periodic	11 November 1998
Belize	1	Initial	8 September 1997
Brazil	1	Second periodic	22 April 1998
Bulgaria	1	Third periodic	30 December 1994
Burundi	1	Second periodic	7 August 1996
Cape Verde	1	Initial	4 November 1994
Chad	1	Initial	7 September 1996
Chile	1	Fifth periodic	28 April 1999
Congo	1	Third periodic	3 January 1995
Dominica	1	Initial	15 September 1994
Estonia	1	Second periodic	19 January 1998
Ethiopia	1	Initial	9 September 1994
Greece	1	Initial	4 August 1998
Guatemala	1	Second periodic	3 August 1998
Guinea	1	Third periodic	30 September 1994
Honduras	1	Initial	24 November 1998
Hungary	1	Fourth periodic	1 August 1995
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1	Third periodic	30 December 1994
Jordan	1	Fourth periodic	21 January 1997
Latvia	1	Second periodic	13 July 1998
Lesotho	1	Second periodic	7 December 1998
Luxembourg	1	Third periodic	16 November 1994
Malawi	1	Initial	20 March 1995
Malta	1	Second periodic	11 December 1996
Mauritius	1	Fourth periodic	30 June 1998
Monaco	1	Initial	27 November 1998
Mozambique	1	Initial	19 October 1994
Namibia	1	Initial	26 February 1996
Nepal	1	Second periodic	12 August 1997
New Zealand	1	Fourth periodic	27 March 1995
Paraguay	1	Second periodic	8 September 1998
Portugal	1	Fourth periodic	1 August 1996
Romania	1	Fifth periodic	28 April 1999
Russian Federation	1	Fifth periodic	3 November 1998
Sierra Leone	1	Initial	22 November 1997
Slovenia	1	Second periodic	23 June 1997
Spain	1	Fifth periodic	27 April 1999
Sri Lanka	1	Fourth periodic	9 September 1996
Thailand	1	Initial	28 January 1998
Togo	1	Third periodic	30 December 1995
Tunisia	1	Fifth periodic	3 February 1998
Turkmenistan	1	Initial	31 July 1998
Uganda	1	Initial	19 September 1996
Ukraine	1	Fifth periodic	17 August 1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	Fifth periodic	18 August 1999
United States of America	1	Second periodic	6 September 1998
Venezuela	1	Fourth periodic	1 November 1995

State party	Number of reports overdue	Type of report	Date due
Yemen	1	Third periodic	7 May 1998
Yugoslavia	1	Fifth periodic	3 August 1998
Zambia	1	Third periodic	30 June 1998

6. Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties for the sixty-seventh session

Norway CCPR/C/115/Add.2	Fourth	Tuesday	19 October 1999 a.m./p.m.
Morocco CCPR/C/115/Add.1	Fourth	Wednesday Thursday	20 October 1999 p.m. 21 October 1999 a.m.
Republic of Korea CCPR/C/114/Add.1	Second	Friday	22 October 1999 a.m./p.m.
Portugal (Macau) CCPR/C/POR/99/4	Fourth	Monday Tuesday	25 October 1999 p.m. 26 October 1999 a.m.
Cameroon CCPR/C/102/Add.2	Third	Wednesday Thursday	27 October 1999 p.m. 28 October 1999 a.m.
Hong Kong CCPR/C/HKSAR/99/1	Fifth	Monday	1 November 1999 a.m./p.m.

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties for the sixty-eighth session

Congo CCPR/C/66/Add.5	Second	Monday Tuesday	13 March 2000 p.m. 14 March 2000 a.m.
Peru CCPR/C/PER/98/4	Fourth	Wednesday Thursday	15 March 2000 p.m. 16 March 2000 a.m.
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man) CCPR/C/95/Add.10	Fourth	Friday	17 March 2000 a.m./p.m.
Venezuela CCPR/C/VEN/98/3	Third	Monday Tuesday	20 March 2000 p.m. 21 March 2000 a.m.
Mongolia CCPR/C/103/Add.7	Fourth	Wednesday Thursday	22 March 2000 p.m. 23 March 2000 a.m.
Guyana CCPR/C/GUY/99/2	Second	Friday Monday	24 March 2000 p.m. 27 March 2000 a.m.

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions.

7. General comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will adopt its general comment on article 12 (freedom of movement) and will continue consideration of the draft general comment on article 3 (gender equality) and on article 4 (derogation and states of emergency).

8. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and forty-nine communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Thirty-eight of these communications have already been declared admissible and are pending for a decision on the merits, i.e. Views under article 5 (4) of the Optional Protocol. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in appropriate cases, the Committee's examination of the remaining 111 communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur on new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

9. Follow-up on Views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Under this item, the Committee will assess the status of follow-up activities under the Optional Protocol and examine periodic reports submitted by the Special Rapporteur for the follow-up on Views.

Note

1/ By decision of the Human Rights Committee the symbol assigned to reports has been simplified to include a three-letter indication of the State party, the year of submission and the ordinal number of the report.